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In re/Patent Application of: Sephen M. COUTTS et al.

Application No.: 10/081,076

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For: COMPOSITION FOR INDUCING HUMORAL

ANERGY TO AN IMMUNOGEN COMPRISING A T CELL EPITOPE-

DEFICIENT ANALOG OF THE IMMUNOGEN CONJUGATED TO A NONIMMUNOGENIC VALENCY PLATFORM MOLECULE

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed April 15, 2004 (Paper No. 041304), applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I (claims 28-32 and 38-43) for continued examination.

Applicants respectfully request for rejoinder of presently excluded method claims, to the extent that they incorporate all the limitations of the product claims.

Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter specified in claims 33-37 during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

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Applicants request examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal form is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit**Account No. 03-1952 referencing (252312006002). However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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